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Water Vending Machines
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to install water vending machines at each railway station in the country for the convenience of passengers; and
(b) if so, the time by which the said facility is likely to be started particularly in Jharkhand and Punjab along with the names of the stations proposed to be selected for installing of water vending machines in these two States in the first phase?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)
(a) and (b): To provide purified, chilled & clean drinking water to railway passengers at affordable price, the task for installation and operation of Water Vending Machines(WVMs) has been entrusted to Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC). IRCTC has already awarded licenses for installation of 2000 WVMs over Indian Railways including Jharkhand and Punjab with a target of installing 60% of the machines in the current financial year. Names of the major stations identified in Jharkhand State for installation of WVMs are Ranchi, Hatiya, Bokaro, Dhanbad, Gomoh Jn., Daltonganj, Parashnath, Barkakana, Garwa Road Jn., Chandra Pura Jn., Koderma, Sahibganj, Barharwa & Bokaro Steel City. Names of the major stations identified in Punjab State for installation of WVMs are Amritsar, Ludhiana, Jallandhar City, Beas, Firozpur Cantt., Jallandhar Cantt., Phagwara, Pathankot, Phillaur & Faridkot.
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